

# Montana Code Annotated 2015

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**7-14-2615. Abandonment or vacation of county roads.** (1) All county roads once established must continue to be county roads until abandoned or vacated by:

- (a) operation of law;
- (b) judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction; or
- (c) the order of the board.

(2) An order to abandon a county road is not valid unless preceded by notice and public hearing.

(3) The board may not abandon a county road or right-of-way used to provide existing legal access to public land or waters, including access for public recreational use as defined in [23-2-301](#) and as permitted in [23-2-302](#), unless another public road or right-of-way provides substantially the same access.

(4) The board may not abandon a county road or right-of-way used to access private land if the access benefits two or more landowners unless all of the landowners agree to the abandonment.

**History:** En. Sec. 8-214, Ch. 197, L. 1965; R.C.M. 1947, 32-4014; amd. Sec. 3, Ch. 107, L. 1999; amd. Sec. 1, Ch. 168, L. 2005.